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Narberth Rural District Council

ANNUAL
REPORT
OF THE
DISTRICT
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
AND THE
PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

1965

N A R B E R T H R U R A L D I S T R I C T .

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE
YEAR 1965.

To the Chairman and Members of the Council,

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting to you my Annual Report on the health of your district for the year 1965.

Housing

Much discussion and investigation has been made by council members into the best way to solve the housing problem but owing to the high cost of building, a solution has not yet been found but a determination exists to find a solution and to provide the houses that are so urgently required.

Brucellosis

As a result of the appointment of an additional Public Health Inspector it has been possible to investigate this problem further and it has become obvious that further action to eradicate this disease is necessary.

The Ministry of Agriculture is looking into this problem and it is to be hoped that an eradication scheme will be introduced in the not too distant future.

Infectious diseases

A number of cases of Measles were notified during the year but no serious complications were reported. Three cases of Tuberculosis were also notified but no deaths occurred from this disease.

I should like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Council and its Officers for their continued courtesy and co-operation and to include in this my thanks to my clerk, Mrs. Joan Short, for all her help.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

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V I T A L S T A T I S T I C S.

Resident Population (Registrar General's Estimate)

1965..... 9,850

	<u>Narberth</u> <u>R.D.1965</u>	<u>Narberth</u> <u>R.D.1964</u>	<u>County of</u> <u>Pembroke.</u>	<u>England</u> <u>& Wales</u>
Live Births	172	184		
Live Birth Rate (per 1,000 pop)	17.81	18.79	18.29	18.1
Illegitimate Live Births	7	4		
Illegitimate Live births per cent of total Live births	4.07	2.17		
Still Births	Nil	2		
Still Birth Rate (per 1,000 Live and Still Births)	Nil	10.75	20.10	15.7
Total Live and Still Births	172	186		
Infant Deaths (Deaths under 1 year)	2	3		
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000 Live Births)				
- total	11.62	16.30	22.79	19.0
- legitimate	11.62	16.66		
- illegitimate	Nil	Nil		
Nco-natal Mortality Rate (Deaths under 4 weeks)(per 1,000 Live Births)	5.81	10.86	13.67	13.0
Early Nco-natal Mortality Rate (Deaths under 1 week)(per 1,000 Live Births)	5.81	10.86	10.82	
Peri-natal Mortality Rate (Deaths under 1 week & Still Births combined)(per 1,000 Live & Still Births)	5.81	21.50	30.71	

1917-1918

Summary of the work done during the year 1917-1918

1917-1918

Year	Month	Day	Time	Place
1917	Jan	1	10.15	1917
1917	Jan	2	10.15	1917
1917	Jan	3	10.15	1917
1917	Jan	4	10.15	1917
1917	Jan	5	10.15	1917
1917	Jan	6	10.15	1917
1917	Jan	7	10.15	1917
1917	Jan	8	10.15	1917
1917	Jan	9	10.15	1917
1917	Jan	10	10.15	1917
1917	Jan	11	10.15	1917
1917	Jan	12	10.15	1917
1917	Jan	13	10.15	1917
1917	Jan	14	10.15	1917
1917	Jan	15	10.15	1917
1917	Jan	16	10.15	1917
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1917	Jan	21	10.15	1917
1917	Jan	22	10.15	1917
1917	Jan	23	10.15	1917
1917	Jan	24	10.15	1917
1917	Jan	25	10.15	1917
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1917	Jan	92	10.15	1917
1917	Jan	93	10.15	1917
1917	Jan	94	10.15	1917
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1917	Jan	96	10.15	1917
1917	Jan	97	10.15	1917
1917	Jan	98	10.15	1917
1917	Jan	99	10.15	1917
1917	Jan	100	10.15	1917

Narberth R.D.1965	Narberth R.D.1964	County of Pembroke.	England & Wales.
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Maternal Mortality

Rate (per 1,000

Live & Still Births)	Nil	5.37	Nil	0.25
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Deaths	118	128		
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Death Rate

(per 1,000 pop)	11.97	13.07	12.53	11.5
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INFANT MORTALITY

There were two infant deaths during the year; one died under 1 week from congenital malformations and the other died under 4 weeks from a fractured skull accidentally sustained.

The Infant Mortality Rate shows a slight increase on last year's figures, but it is lower than the rate for the county and the country as a whole.

DEATHS (General)

This year again, the general death rate shows a decrease and remains lower than the rate for the county but is higher than that for the country as a whole. Of the 23 deaths from malignant disease, 4 were due to cancer of the lung and two of these were known to have been heavy smokers of cigarettes. Heart disease accounted for 41 of the total 118 deaths.

Approximately 40.67% of the deaths occurred in persons between the ages of 70 and 80 years and 22% in persons over 80 years of age.

<u>Cause of Death.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
TOTAL (All causes)	67	51
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	4	1
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	3	1
Malignant neoplasm, breast		1
Malignant neoplasm, uterus		1
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	4	8
Vascular lesions of nervous system	13	16
Coronary disease, angina	21	11
Hypertension with heart disease		2
Other heart disease	3	3
Other circulatory disease	1	
Pneumonia	3	3
Bronchitis	5	
Other diseases of respiratory system	1	
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea		1
Hyperplasia of prostate	1	
Congenital malformations	1	
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	1	2
Motor vehicle accidents	3	
All other accidents	2	
Suicide	1	1

TUBERCULOSIS

There were no deaths again this year from Tuberculosis but two new cases of respiratory Tuberculosis and one case of Tuberculous Endometritis were notified to us during the year.

Prevention of Tuberculosis.

B.C.G. Vaccination:

B.C.G. Vaccination of contacts and school leavers (i.e. pupils aged 13 years and over) continues to be carried out in the district. During the year, 58 school leavers and 2 contacts were skin tested and of these 55 school leavers and 1 contact were vaccinated. Dr. D. Llewelyn Davies, the Chest Physician, also vaccinates contacts at the Chest Clinic.

NOTIFICATIONS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

The following cases of infectious diseases were notified to us during 1965 :-

Measles - 73
Respiratory Tuberculosis - 2
Tuberculous Endometritis - 1

MASS RADIOGRAPHY.

The Mobile Unit of the Mass Radiography Service visited Narberth twice during 1965. In January, 70 residents at Sunnybank Old People's Home were examined and in November, a survey of the general population was carried out, when a total of 211 persons (including 105 school children in the area) were examined. The results are as follows :-

(1) <u>Sunnybank.</u>	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
Total no. examined	70	31	39
Total found to be abnormal cases	33(46.85%)	16	17
No. requiring further observation	1		1
Other abnormalities of chest	32(45.7%)	16	16
(2) <u>General Population.</u>			
Total no. examined	106	49	57
Total no. found to be abnormal	3(2.83%)	2	1
No. requiring further observation	Nil		
Other abnormalities of chest	3(2.83%)	2	1

The three cases above found to be abnormal were all persons aged 60 years and over.

Of the three showing other abnormalities of chest (not requiring further observation) 1 male and 1 female were found to have acquired cardiac abnormalities and abnormalities of the vascular system, and 1 male had Pneumoconiosis, stage unknown.

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MASS RADIOGRAPHY (cont.)

<u>(3) School Leavers.</u>	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
Total no. examined	105	54	51
Total found to be abnormal cases	3(2.85%)	2	1
No. requiring further observation	1	1	
Other abnormalities of chest	2(1.9%)	1	1

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE ACT 1946.

Local Health Services.

Both vaccination against Smallpox and immunisation against Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Tetanus are carried out at the Clinic and also by local practitioners, who are paid by the County Council for record cards received each quarter by your Medical Officer. During the year 1965 the following records were received :-

Primary Vaccinations	142	Re-vaccinations	14
Diphtheria Immunisations	188	Re-inforcement doses	201
Whooping Cough		Tetanus	
Immunisations	185	Immunisations	188

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT 1948.

Section 47 : Removal to suitable premises of persons in need of care and attention.

No action was necessary under this Section.

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